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In re Patent Application of )  
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For: BODY FLUID COLLECTING )  
DEVICE (As Amended) )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend  
the application as follows: